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SUBJ: AFL-CIO INVITATION TO MANIBEN KARAI

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING TO CHARLES GRAY OF
AAFLI FROM HERB WEAST.

2. HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING CABLE FROM STEVE
BLOCK: QUOTE MANIBEN HAS RECEIVED A LETTER FROM CHUCK
GRAY SAYING THAT THEY WANT MANIBEN TO ATTEND THE AFL-
CIO CONVENTION AND WILL PREPARE A SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR
HER. MANIBEN BELIEVES THAT THERE IS SOME MISUN-
DERSTANDING AS TO WHAT SHE WANTS. SHE RATHER THOUGHT
THAT BY VIRTUE OF HER POSITION IN THE TRADE UNION MOVE-

MENT AND IN THE FIELD OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS THAT SHE MIGHT
BE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR THE CONVENTION.
SHE SYAS THAT SHE IS NOT INTERESTED IN A SPECIAL PRO-
GRAM APART FROM THAT.

CHARLES MCCASKILL, OUR CONSUL IN BOMBAY, IS GOING
TO TELL MANIBEN THAT THE MATTER IS BEING REFERRED TO
YOU. I KNOW THAT YOU AGREE THAT MANIBEN IS A SPECIAL
PERSON AND DESERVES VIP TREATMENT. YOUR EFFORTS TO
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ARRANGE A SPECIAL ROLE FOR MANIBEN AT THE CONCENTION

WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATED. END QUOTE.

IN LETTER TO ME JUNE THREE MANIBEN SAID IN PART:

QUOTE I WILL BE HAPPY TO GO, PROVIDED THERE IS ANY
SPECIFIC PROGRAMME ARRANGED FOR ME - SAY TO TALK ABOUT
TRADE UNIONS IN INDIA - INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR AND
THE CONDITION OF WOMEN WORKERS OR ANY SUCH PROGRAMS.
END QUOTE.

I AGREE, AND AM SURE YOU DO, MANIBEN IS SPECIAL
PERSON AND DESERVES VIP TREATMENT. UNDERSTAND THAT
SPECIAL ROLE AT CONVENTION COULD BE DIFFICULT ARRANGE
BUT STRONGLY RECOMMEND EVERY EFFORT BE MADE DO SO.

INFORMED MANIBEN BY LETTER JULY FOUR MY TRANSFER
DACCA BUT AM WRITING HER AGAIN URGE SHE WORK OUT
DETAILS DIRECTLY WITH YOU WITH COOPERATION OF
MCCASKILL TO FACILITATE RAPID COMMUNICATION AT NO
COST TO HER. WEAST END OF MESSAGE FOR GRAY.

3. FOR STEVEN BLOCK, NEW DELHI, FROM WEAST: STEVE,
THIS IS ABOUT ALL I CAN DO FROM HERE. HOPE IT WILL
BE HELPFUL AND THANKS FOR BRINGING IT TO MY ATTENTION.
WARM REGARDS TO YOU, MIMI AND YOUR TRIBE.
BOSTER

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